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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SOUTHWESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY,
AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS
OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF
THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING
PURPOSES, AND TO INCREASE
RESIDENTIAL RATES AS NECESSARY TO
COMPENSATE FOR THE RATE IMPACTS OF
THE FCC'S USF/ICC TRANSFORMATION
ORDER

DOCKET NO. T-01072A-12-0472

**MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL
ORDER**

1 Southwestern Telephone Company ("Southwestern Telephone") moves for a procedural
2 order that will allow new rates to be effective by June 1, 2013.

3 On November 23, 2012, Southwestern Telephone filed an application to increase
4 residential rates to the federal \$14/month rate floor that will go into effect on June 1, 2013. As
5 more fully set forth in its application, if residential rates are not set to \$14 by June 1, 2013,
6 Southwestern Telephone will lose federal high-cost loop support in an amount equal to the
7 difference between current residential rates and the new federal floor. This will only exacerbate
8 Southwestern Telephone's current inability to earn a reasonable return on its utility investment.

9 Southwestern Telephone's application was deemed "accepted" by operation of law on
10 December 24, 2012. Southwestern Telephone asks that a procedural schedule be set that will
11 allow rates to be effective by June 1, 2013, including a hearing date, a form of notice, and
12 deadlines for customer notice, intervention, and testimony. Southwestern Telephone suggests

1 that the procedural order setting the schedule be modeled after the one issued on August 29,
2 2012, in Docket No. T-02063A-12-0302 (Arizona Telephone Company).

3 The undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Utilities Division Staff ("Staff").
4 Southwestern Telephone is authorized to state that Staff supports this Motion and that Staff is
5 presently working on its Staff Report concerning Southwestern Telephone's Application.

6 Respectfully submitted on January 22, 2013.

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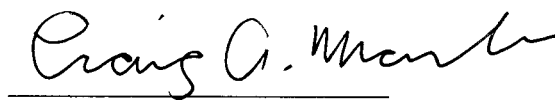
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